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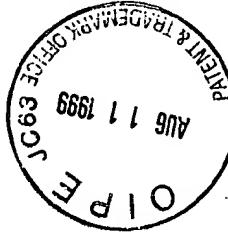
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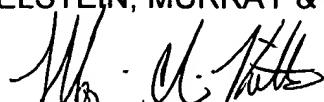
Dear Sir:

The undersigned attorney respectfully requests the status of the Petition to Withdraw
Holding of Abandonment filed on June 21, 1999.

In addition, the Applicants request a complete copy of the Office Action dated
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